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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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RADSOI/Assessment

Travel Difficulties of  
Mikhail MUKHO

Attn: [ ]

INFO: Heidelberg

Ref: DIR 01321 dated 23 April 1953

1. Subject, a former P/A candidate under ZRELOPE, worked for this office as an interpreter and general assistant to [ ] over a two-year period, from 1951 to 30 June 1953. Throughout his period of employment with us, Subject's services proved to be invaluable. Subject showed himself to be extremely competent, energetic, and loyal; and it may be said without exaggeration that Subject's over-all contribution was an important factor in the high quality of the work turned out by [ ] section.

2. Subject's contract with us expired as of 30 June 1953. Since [ ] reported for the United States on 3 July 1953, we have no further need for Subject's services. Subject has therefore obtained a position with the Ukrainian Relief Committee in Munich, which has assigned him to work in Berlin. Thus far, however, he has been unable to accept this assignment due to a refusal on the part of the Combined Travel Board to grant him an international pass for travel to Berlin. This refusal is allegedly based on derogatory information on Subject furnished by the Intelligence Division, USARPUR.

3. The above-mentioned derogatory information, which has been known to us since the beginning of our relationship with Subject, was found by Headquarters to be groundless during the process of Subject's clearance for ZRELOPE. Subject was subsequently fully cleared and sent to the United States for training. For medical reasons he was returned to Germany in 1951, at which time he commenced working for Gessard.

4. This office wishes once more to emphasize that, during the period of Subject's employ with us, we found him in every way above reproach. Moreover, Subject has for years been a member of CASSOWARY I and is most highly recommended by that organization. We therefore feel morally obligated to assist Subject in his present plight. It is, furthermore, contemplated recommending Subject's use as a possible part-time RIDCAP informant once he has established himself in Berlin.

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5. This office therefore requests your early assistance in intervening with the Combined Travel Board to obtain a travel permit to Berlin for Subject. It is suggested that this matter might most effectively be handled through [ ] office in Heidelberg.

[ ]

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